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**Subject: Complaint Response and Feed Storage Area Inspection at Dairyland Farms LLC  
Information Requested by Friday, May 11, 2012**

Dear Mr. Dufek,

On April 18, 2012, Department of Natural Resources (Department) representatives Casey Jones and I along with Brown County Land Conservation (Brown County) representative Jon Bechle responded to a complaint regarding Dairyland Farms LLC (Dairyland).

The issues discussed by the complainant were primarily related to noise and traffic. The Department stated that the Department's main authority is water quality; Brown County and the Department advised the complainant to work in collaboration with other concerned neighbors, the Town of Green Bay, and Dairyland to develop an agreeable solution to the noise and traffic issues.

After our discussion the Department and Brown County conducted an inspection of Dairyland's feed storage area and the associated vegetated treatment area (VTA). Dead vegetation, concentrated flow channels, and gully erosion were present in the VTA; immediate maintenance of this area is required to prevent continued discharges to the unnamed tributary to School Creek. Please note, the dead vegetation suggests that the nutrient load to the VTA is too high and more runoff may need to be collected into storage. You are also advised to remove feed solids from the sediment collection area to reduce the generation of additional leachate.

During a telephone conversation on April 24, 2012, we discussed the complaints received and I informed you of the current condition of the VTA. You informed me of the measures that Dairyland is taking to address the issues brought forth by neighbors and stated that the poor condition of the VTA would be promptly addressed.

The Department is concerned with the potential for continued discharges to the unnamed tributary to School Creek. Please submit photographic documentation of the re-graded and properly stabilized VTA in addition to any changes made regarding the amount of runoff collected to my attention at the address in the letterhead by no later than **Friday, May 11, 2012**. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (920) 662-5407 or by email at: [jeremiah.schiefelbein@wi.gov](mailto:jeremiah.schiefelbein@wi.gov).

Sincerely,

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